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Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Letter of support for DOT TIGER grant application 12505769

Secretary Chao,

I am pleased to write in support of the City of Modesto's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application to support the 132 Gateway Express project.

The \$10 million application will support the first phase of a larger East/West corridor project that will ultimately extend from Modesto to I-5 and I-580, providing a safe and efficient route for freight and passengers. Approximately 8.2 million tons of freight per year are transported across SR-132.

California's Stanislaus County lies in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, the center of the state's agricultural industry. This project will construct a new two-lane divided highway to the east of the City of Modesto in Stanislaus County, allowing trucks to bypass the most populous areas of the city. Additionally, the project will improve delivery of Central Valley goods to and from the Port of Oakland.

The project will enhance capacity, reduce congestion and travel time, and improve the public safety outcomes of residents in and around the City of Modesto. These improvements will result in emissions savings and safety improvements by reducing highway truck miles.

I support the City of Modesto's TIGER grant application and respectfully request your consideration their submission. Please contact Walker Barrett, Legislative Director, on my staff with additional questions at 202-225-4540.

Sincerely,



Jeff Denham
United States Representative